IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Entitled:

Joseph M. Ahearn et al. : IDENTIFICATION AND MONITORING

OF SYSTEMATIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

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Examiner Gailene Gabel

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC U.S. Steel Tower 600 Grant Street – 44th Floor Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

May 6, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment based on a telephone discussion between the Examiner, Gailene Gabel, and Applicants' undersigned attorney, Carol Marmo. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following claim amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this Supplemental Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Supplemental Amendment.

The undersigned is hereby authorizing payment of the two-month extension of time fee, in the amount of \$490.00 to be charged to Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC American Express Credit Card during the electronic transmission process.